

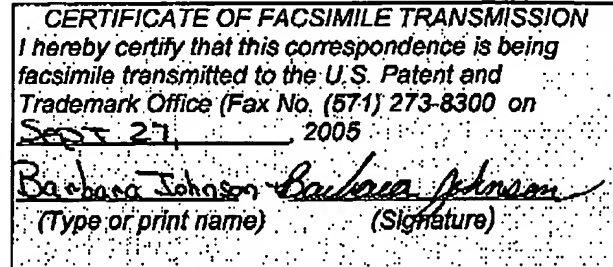
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TC/A.U. 3763  
Examiner: Ahmed, Aamer S.  
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Customer No.: 21378

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Dear Sir:

Attached please find the following documents submitted for filing in reference to the above-referenced application:

1. Response to Election/Restrictions; and
2. Transmittal.

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS**

Dear Sir:

This Election is filed in response to an Office Action mailed September 1, 2005.

A shortened statutory period for response has been set to expire on October 1, 2005.

The Election and Confirmation of Inventorship begin on page two of this paper.

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**ELECTION**

In the outstanding Office Action, restriction has been required between the following three groups of claims.

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to valve apparatus, classified in class 604, subclass 167.01.
- II. Claims 16-22, drawn to method of making a valve, classified in class 623, subclass 2.11.
- III. Claims 23-25, drawn to method of accessing a kidney, classified in class 600, subclass 585.

Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution the claims of Group I. Applicants make this election without traversal.

In the outstanding Office Action, restriction has also been required between the following five (5) species as follows:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>FIGURE</u>
A:	6;
B:	8;
C:	10;

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D: 13; and

E: 14.

Applicants provisionally elect Species A, Figure 6. Applicants respectfully make this election with traversal. The claims that are readable on the elected species include claims 1-10. Claims 1-10 are allowable generic claims.

Species "D" is directed to Figure 13 and Species "B" is directed to Figure 8.

However, Figure 13 is a view taken from Figure 8. Since Figure 13 is taken from Figure 8, Figure 13 should be included as part of the same species as Figure 8. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that the species election requirement is in error.

The inventorship as presently specified in the Application is accurate with respect to the elected invention.

In the Office Action Summary sheet for the present Action, Boxes 9 and 10 are checked. Box 9 indicates that the specification is objected to by the Examiner and Box 10 indicates that the drawings are objected to by the Examiner. However, in the Detailed Action for the present action, there is no indication that either the specification or the drawings are objected to by the Examiner. On Friday, September 23, 2005, David G. Majdali, attorney for Applicants, telephoned Examiner Aamer S. Ahmed and left a voicemail indicating that Boxes 9 and 10 were checked on the Office Action Summary but that there is no objection to the specification or the drawings in the Detailed Action. On Monday, September 26, 2005, Examiner Ahmed telephoned Mr. Majdali and left a voicemail indicating that Boxes 9 and 10 on the Office Action

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Summary were checked in error. Based on the foregoing, the objections to the specification and the drawings are not addressed in this Response.

Having addressed the outstanding issues in the Office Action, the application should now be in condition for examination.

Sincerely

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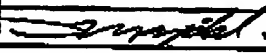
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